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Sir:

In response to the final Official Action dated January 4, 2006, Applicant requests continued examination of the claims, as stated in the accompanying Amendment. A credit card authorization for the RCE filing fee is enclosed. Please charge any additional fee deemed due and credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 502591. Please also consider the following Remarks, which address the substance of the Official Action.

REMARKS

The present application discloses and claims an auction management system that includes an auction creation utility, an auction monitoring utility, and a auction consolidation engine that posts the auction submissions and periodically revisits the auction sites to update the status of the user's pending auctions. These features in

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